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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 798
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Grand Marshals of
the 2002 Dickson County Old Timers' Day
Parade.

WHEREAS, throughout our State's history, the citizens of Tennessee have compiled outstanding records of achievement in their professional and private lives and made invaluable contributions to this State and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to honor and recognize the living human treasures of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Turner P. Berry, Wayne Brown, Maynard Corlew, Bailey Fowlkes, Colonel Philip L. Hooper, Harry Johnson, Ed Oliphant, Donald Redden, and John Westerman are just such estimable Tennesseans; on the 4th of May, they will be serving as Grand Marshals of the 2002 Dickson County Old Timers' Day Parade, themed "Remembering our Railroad Past"; and

WHEREAS, the high quality of life enjoyed by the citizens of our State and this Nation can be attributed, in large part, to the contributions of railroads and the patriotic men and women who have worked in the railroad business; and

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WHEREAS, Dickson County has a rich railroad tradition, and the men who have been selected to serve as Grand Marshals are each excellent examples of that tradition and worthy of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Turner P. Berry contributed thirty-five years of laudable service to the railroads; he began his career as a brakeman and finished as a conductor; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Brown devoted his time and talents for forty-three years as a laborer, lineman, and supervisor of a line gang; and

WHEREAS, Maynard Corlew began his thirty-seven years of service as a fireman before working with acumen and alacrity as an engineer for twenty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, Bailey Fowlkes was both a brakeman and conductor with the railroad, which benefited greatly from his thirty-nine years of service; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the United States Army, the estimable Colonel Philip L. Hooper worked for the railroad for sixteen years as an Assistant to the President and then as a Vice-President; and

WHEREAS, beginning as a coal chute operator, Harry Johnson earned the respect and admiration of his peers during his forty-four years in the business, which included stints as a fireman and an engineer; and

WHEREAS, Ed Oliphant made invaluable contributions to the railroad during his forty-four years with signal maintenance; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-one years, Donald Redder was a devoted railroad man, operating a crane on bridge and building maintenance and construction; and

WHEREAS, John Westerman began his thirty-two years of invaluable service to the railroad in the bridge and building department, and he later served with distinction as the operator of the Tennessee River drawbridge at New Johnsonville; and

WHEREAS, each of these men has earned a respected position in the history of the railroads and of Tennessee, and they are worthy of special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we join with the citizens of Dickson County in honoring the Grand Marshals of the 2002 Old Timers' Day Parade and celebrating their praiseworthy service and many contributions to Tennessee, and we also join in "Remembering our Railroad Past."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.